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The Sixteenth Session.

The Reports contained in the present issue of the RECORDER show that abundant blessing has continued to rest on work of the Toronto Bible Training School during the sixteenth session just closed. The number of students and graduates has been the largest in the history of the institution. The course of study has been considerably extended and strengthened. The students of foreign nationality, who have been preparing for Christian work among their own people, have been ten in number, speaking eight different languages. Above all the evangelistic and missionary work of the students has been greatly prospered, while a spirit of devotion and consecration has characterized the life and work of the School. We thank God and take courage.

Sixteenth Annual Report.

The sixteenth session of the Toronto Bible Training School closed on Friday, April 29, 1910. In the afternoon of that day the annual meeting of the united Board of Incorporation and General Council was held, when the reports for the year were presented and the entire work of the School received careful review and consideration. There was a good attendance of members present, and much interest was manifested in the continued prosperity of the institution. At the close of this meeting, on the kind invitation of President Harris, the members present with two or three other friends had dinner together in the library.

At the evening meeting held in the assembly hall, there was a very large attendance of friends of the School interested in the graduating exercises. After devotional services conducted by Rev. A. Imrie, one of the instructors, and Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, of Carson City, Mich., one of the early graduates of the School, the President made congratulatory remarks on the progress of the year, referring particularly to the gratifying growth of the institution in the number of students, the additions to the course of study, and the far-reaching influence of the School. Two of the graduates gave addresses, Miss A. B Linklater from Manitoba speaking effectively on Christian Stewardship, and Mr. A. C. McCollum from Orillia, giving a very appropriate valedictory. Twenty-three young men and women were then presented by Dr. Stewart for diplomas and certificates, of whom seventeen were regular students, two post-graduates, and four were from the evening classes. The following are the names of those who received diplomas: Messrs. W. J. Atkinson, T. R. Burpe, P. A. Breakey, L. E. Gredys, J. Jaffray, J. A. Magnan, A. C. McCollum, J. S. Musselman, E. E. Preston, J. C. Wallis; also Misses J. Duff, J. Jackson, A. Kratzer, A. B. Linklater, M. McDonald, E. W. Tew, J. M. Tyrrell. Post-graduates: Messrs. J. A. Clark and D. J. Storms. Certificates: Misses M. Church, H. Humphrey, H. Williams and Mr. J. Inrig.

After Dr. Harris had presented the diplomas and certificates, the Principal, Rev. John McNicol, gave impressive parting words to the graduates, urging them to cultivate in their reading of the Bible the thought that they are listening to the voice of God; to seek to maintain a passionate love for the Lord Jesus Christ in their own hearts, and to acquire the habit of looking on men and women with the eye of the Saviour. A very stirring address was also given by Rev. Dr. Hincks, who spoke with much effect on the service rendered by the School and its President in maintaining the authority and inspiration of God's Holy Word, and by Rev. Mr. Slimmon, of China, who gave a brief but very interesting address on mission work in that great land.

Principal's Report.

The following report deals only with the work that directly concerns the instruction and training of the students.

ATTENDANCE:

The total enrolment of students was 76 in the day course, and 165 in the evening course. This is slightly in advance, in both cases, of last year's classes, which up to that time were the largest in the history of the School. The following is a comparative statement of the registration for the last two years:

Day Course:	1908-09	1909-10
Men	30	43
Women	42	33
	72	76
Church Connection:		
Anglican	7	5
Baptist	17	26
Christian Workers	4	3
Methodist	17	8
Mennonite	3	9
Presbyterian	22	19
Other bodies	2	6

There were in all eleven denominations represented this year among the day class students.

Evening Course:	1908-09	1909-10
Men	42	28
Women	113	137
	155	165
Church Connection:		
Anglican	17	11
Baptist	38	49
Congregational	10	9
Methodist	44	44
Presbyterian	28	33
Other bodies	18	19

The special class for Sunday School teachers, held on Friday evening, is not included in the above registration. It was continued throughout the session, and maintained a steady interest and an encouraging attendance, averaging between fifty and sixty.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

Dr. Harris continued his own department of Old and New Testament Exegesis, giving instruction in both the day and evening courses on the Book of Zechariah and the Epistles of John. To this he added another weekly lecture to the day students on Bible Interpretation.

Dr. Stewart gave a course of lectures during the first part of the session on Messianic Prophecies, and conducted the class on the preparation of Essays and Addresses. During the last few weeks of the session he continued Dr. Harris's subject of Bible Interpretation.

Mr. Imrie gave instruction in both the day and evening courses in Christian Doctrines, and conducted the class in Practical and Evangelistic work. He also taught a small class of post-graduate students in Church History.

The Principal's subjects in the day course were the New Testament, the Evidences of Christianity and Non-Christian Religions, and in the evening, New Testament Outlines and the study of the Sunday School lesson.

Examinations were held on the above subjects, and the results, on the whole, showed diligent and faithful application on the part of the students. The general average in all the examinations was higher than usual, and, in some cases, the papers returned were of exceptional fulness and excellence. Seventeen students have successfully completed two years of study in the day course, and two have taken an additional year of post-graduate study. Four students have completed the three years in the evening course. The number of students to be presented to-day for diplomas and certificates makes the largest graduating class in the history of the School.

In the midst of the class work the cultivation of the spiritual life of the students was not forgotten. For this purpose the Tuesday morning period for devotion was continued as in former years.

SPECIAL CLASSES.

More time and attention has been devoted than formerly to special and optional subjects. At the beginning of the session Mr. A. C. Luce, a student of Wycliffe College, was secured to give instruction in New Testament Greek and English. He met three times a week with students who wished to learn New Testament Greek, and five times a week with those who required further instruction and training in the use of the English language. A considerable number of students availed themselves of these opportunities, and very satisfactory work was accomplished.

The medical lectures, which have been so profitable in the past, were continued by Dr. E. F. Bowie and Dr. W. H. Howitt. Dr. Bowie's subject was "Drugs and Medicine," and Dr. Howitt's "Tropical Diseases."

A class in elocution was conducted throughout the session by Miss Baker, who met the students three times a week in the first half of the session, and once a week in the latter half.

The class in vocal music was discontinued during the first part of the session. But after the new year Mrs. Harold Stephens, a former teacher of music in the Nyack School for Christian Workers, was asked to train the students in singing. She took up the work with enthusiasm, and a marked improvement took place in the singing before the end of the session.

While the work of the special classes has been gratifying, and more students than in former years have taken advantage of the opportunities thus afforded, yet more satisfactory results would still be accomplished were students taking the regular course required to pass an examination each term on at least one of these subjects.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Evangelistic Band has been very active and has accomplished a larger amount of work than usual. The students conducted regular weekly meetings at the Yonge Street Mission and the King Street Mission, and shortly after the new year undertook in addition the Sunday night service at the Camden Street Mission. They also gave help at different times to several other Missions and Churches. An aggregate of 86 gospel services were held by the students during the session. In addition to this they assisted at the Sunday morning free breakfast at the Yonge Street Mission, and gave individual help in the occasional supply of pulpits. In their personal work and public speaking the students appreciated the wise counsel and kindly criticism given by Mr. Imrie, who accompanied them from time to time in their evangelistic meetings.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society also has accomplished a large amount of solid work. Through its regular weekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, through its Thursday morning prayer meeting held for an hour before the opening of the School, and particularly through its mission study classes, it has deepened and advanced an intelligent interest in missions, among the students. Ten mission study classes were organized and conducted with a total enrolment of 70 students; and as many different subjects of missionary study were pursued and completed. Thirteen volunteers for the foreign field were added to the Volunteer Band, which now numbers seventeen. The School has always been marked by a strong missionary spirit, but at no time has the interest been stronger and truer than at present.

Such in brief outline has been the actual work of the session. It has not been without its difficulties, but they have been successfully overcome. It has been carried on under the same divine blessing, and marked by the same steady progress that have been manifested in previous years. It is meet that we should gratefully acknowledge the good hand of our God upon us, and thankfully render Him the praise.

It is right, too, that we should pass on towards better and larger work. The Toronto Bible Training School cannot afford to rest upon its past. Standing, as it does, absolutely alone, without any affiliation or denominational connection through which students would come to it as a matter of course, it must depend primarily upon the thoroughness of its Biblical instruction and the efficiency of its practical training. The curriculum should be expanded and so arranged that students who have completed a two-years' course of study could take an additional year with an entirely new set of subjects. More thought and attention should be given to the practical department. There should be a complete and thorough course in Homiletics; there should be instruction in the Principles of Teaching. There should be a course of lectures on Methods of Christian Work, and on the Principles and Methods of Missions. The whole course of instruction and training should be such as to meet the needs of any one wishing to qualify for genuine and effective Christian service in this strenuous and critical age in the history of the Church and the world.

Report of Dr. Stewart.

During the year I have been enabled to give regular attention to my duties as Secretary of the School. Through the first half of the session I also gave instruction in the Messianic Prophecies, and had charge of the studies in Essays and Addresses. During the last two months of the session, after the lamented bereavement of our esteemed President, I conducted in his absence, the class in Bible Interpretation, and also took direction of other matters connected with the well-being of the School.

Several important events have occurred during the session which have made the school-year noteworthy. Among these should be first mentioned the sad and sudden death of our friend, Mrs. Elmore Harris, which took place on the 2nd of last month. At the meeting of the Board of Corporation held on March 11th, the following resolution, referring to this great loss, was adopted for insertion in the minutes:

"*Resolved*, that the members of the Board extend their heart-felt sympathy to our President Dr. Harris, in the loss of his beloved wife, and to our Treasurer Mr. Shenstone in the loss of a dear sister. Their earnest prayers are offered that both the husband and brother, and also the children and other relatives, may be graciously sustained in this sore trial by the God of all consolation. They thank God upon every remembrance of Mrs. Harris as a devoted and exemplary Christian wife and mother; a succorer of many, specially of the poor and needy; and particularly as the warm and practical friend of the Bible Training School from the time of its opening till the day when she was taken home to be with Christ which is far better."

A further fact that deserves special mention is the large number of students of foreign language and nationality who have this session been engaging in or preparing for Christian service among their own people. One of these, Ma Tim Wou, is now missionary of the Chinese Christian Association of this city; Miss Tien Fuh Wu, a Chinese young lady, who graduated from the High School of Philadelphia, has just passed a very brilliant examination in her first year's studies with us. S. Iijima, a young man of Japan, after the two years' course of study, left last week to engage in Christian work among his own people in British Columbia and his native land. Alex. A. Kimoff and wife from Macedonia have taken the studies of the first year, and are now engaged in evangelistic work among their own people in Toronto. Mr. L. Gredys, a Jew from Roumania, has completed his course of study satisfactorily, and has also been laboring among Jews and other European foreigners in Hamilton. Mr. Jos. Magnan, a French Canadian convert from Romanism, has also taken a full course of study with us, and expects to labor in the Gospel among the habitants of Quebec. From this simple statement of only one line of our work it is not difficult to understand something of the far-reaching influence of the School.

There is much reason for thankfulness in view of the fact that the financial needs of the School have again been fully met, notwithstanding the additional expenditure required by the enlarged course of study. Two or three friends have withdrawn their support because of the loyalty of the institution to the Book of God, but others have been raised up to have fellowship with us in holding forth the Word of Life. An appropriation of $500 from a bequest of the late Sir James R. Gowan of Barrie, made by his executor, Mr. H. H. Ardagh, has come to the Treasurer as a very welcome contribution to the year's receipts.

Some useful additions continue to be made to our library, so that the new shelving put in last summer is found to be quite necessary. In the RECORDER of December last, gifts of books were acknowledged from Mrs. Owen, Mr. Alexander Smith and Mr. R. S. Shenstone, all of this city; and since then Mrs. McKibbon, widow of the Rev. Wm. McKibbon, has given nearly fifty volumes from her husband's library; and Mr. Montague Anderson of Ottawa has recently sent a large number of books, not a few of them valuable, from the library of his father, the late esteemed Rev. Canon Anderson. A good supply of religious papers and magazines has also been furnished to the reading room by the lady who has kindly remembered us in this way each year since the opening of this building. I may add here that the beautiful representation of Da Vinci's famous painting of The Last Supper, now adorning the wall of the reception room, is the gift of our friend, Mr. C. S. Gzowski. For all these generous donations our hearty thanks are due and are hereby given.

A very partial review of our work like this gives us abundant cause for thanksgiving. Blessing has rested on every department of the School. To our gracious Lord be all the praise. He has prospered the work of our hands upon us. For these sixteen years He has led us in the way, and guided us by His counsel; He has directed us in our difficulties, and supplied all our need. So that with gratitude for the past, and trust for the future, we confidently look forward to the new service He may require at our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM STEWART.

THE students who are remaining in the city during the summer months are holding a prayer meeting in the Hall of the Mission Union every Tuesday evening.

Treasurer's Report.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from May 1st, 1909, to April 28th, 1910:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand at last report		$91 21	
Received from Gifts		3,494 56	
" " Bequests		600 00	
" " Fees Day Classes	$214 00	475 75	
" " " Evening Classes	261 75		
" for maintenance of Hall		180 00	
" from Collections		69 89	
" for Students' Aid		25 00	
			$4,936 41

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid salaries of Principal, Lecturers and Ass't Secy		$3,181 64	
" Instructors		410 00	
" for Light—Electric	$85 24	90 34	
Gas	5 10		
" Coal		326 50	
Water		20 71	
Caretaker		198 00	
Ground Rent		280 00	
Telephone		45 00	
Printing and Advertising		98 25	
Repairs		108 26	
Taxes		55 91	
Interest and Exchange		4 40	
Postage		28 75	
Students' Aid		25 00	
Furnishings		4 00	
Sundries		29 00	
Total Disbursements			$4,906 20
Balance on hand			$30 21

Day Classes.

The following is a list of students enrolled in the Day Classes for the Session 1909-10:

Miss A. M. Albrecht
Mr. W. J. Atkinson
Mr. F. Blain
Mr. G. P. Boddy
Mr. P. A. Breakey
Miss M. E. Brown
Mr. T. R. Burpe
Mr. J. G. Butler
Miss E. A. Clark
Mr. J. A. Clark
Mr. J. R. Coher
Miss B. Davitt
Miss L. Dickson
Miss L. Doubrough
Miss J. Duff
Mrs. East
Mr. I. Erb
Miss E. S. Frost
Mr. L. E. Gredys
Mr. J. W. Hisey
Mr. S. Hood
Mr. F. Humphries
Mr. S. Iijima
Miss J. Jackson
Mr. J. Jaffray
Miss M. M. Johnston
Mr. A. A. Kimoff
Mrs. Kimoff
Rev. E. M. King
Miss A. Kratzer
Mr. Lindsay
Miss A. B. Linklater
Miss E. M. Linklater
Mr. J. A. Magnan
Mrs. S. A. Marks
Mr. W. Matheson
Mr. D. McDonald
Miss M. McDonald
Mr. A. C. McCollum
Miss M. McLaurin
Mrs. J. McNicol
Mr. Merien
Miss G. E. Mullin
Mr. H. I. Mullin
Mr. J. S. Musselman
Mr. E. E. Preston
Miss E. Raymer
Mr. H. Roe
Mr. A. Rogers
Mr. G. L. Roniker
Miss J. Seabrook
Mrs. S. S. Sewell
Mr. A. F. Smith
Mr. F. J. Smith
Miss M. A. Smithson
Miss J. Stephenson
Mr. W. Stewart
Mr. D. J. Storms
Miss N. Storms
Mr. F. W. E. Story
Mrs. H. M. Sullivan
Miss M. Taylor
Miss E. W. Tew
Mr. W. Thorne
Miss S. Thorsen
Miss J. M. Tyrrell
Mr. F. R. Vine
Mr. J. J. Wagner
Mr. J. C. Wallis
Mr. Watson
Mr. G. Watts
Miss L. M. Werry
Mr. H. Wilson
Miss T. E. Wu
Mr. W. Yates

Evening Classes.

The following is a list of students in the Evening Classes, who have passed one or more of the written examinations of the Session. The total enrolment of all the Evening Students was about 250.

Miss A Bain
Miss A Barlow
Miss R Bolton
Miss I Bowden
Miss A Brown
Miss L Brown
Miss R A Chapman
Miss M Church
Miss E Clark
Miss E Crown
Miss G B Evans
Miss N Gagnon
Mr W E Goldwin
Miss M Hewetson
Miss H Humphrey
Miss E. Impey
Mr J Inrig
Miss E Kramer
Miss E Lapp
Mr. A M Loose
Miss K Mangan
Miss M McConnell
Miss E McDonald
Miss S McLean
Miss R E Mill
Miss L Millikin
Miss E Mitchell
Miss E Murat
Mr W Newman
Miss M Noble
Miss F Outram
Miss H Penstone
Miss M Peterman
Miss A Porter
Miss F Reynolds
Miss F Salkeld
Miss E Saunders
Mr D Sellars
Miss E Smith
Miss E A Smith
Miss F Smith
Mr J S Smith
Mr V Smith
Mr J W Singleton
Miss G Somerville
Miss E M Sibbald
Mrs W F Stagg
Miss H. Strickland
Miss M Taggart
Miss M Taylor
Miss M Turiff
Miss W E Tyler
Miss M Wallace
Mr G Wardell
Mr G Watts
Miss H Weston
Miss M Wilhelm
Miss H Williams
Miss E M. Wilson
Miss F Windross
Miss L Workman

Students' Organizations.

The following were the officers of the committees which, during the past year, had charge of the organized activity and practical work of the student body:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President - - - Mr. A. C. McCollum.
Secretary - - - Miss May McDonald.

EVANGELISTIC BAND.

President - - - Mr. E. E. Preston.
Vice-President - Mr. Harrison Roe.
Secretary - - - Miss Agnes Linklater

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President - - - Mr. J. S. Musselman.
Vice-President - Mr. F. W. E. Story.
Secretary - - - Miss Bernice Devitt.

New Members of Board and Council.

At the recent Annual Meeting, Mr. Martin Love, who took the full course of study with us, was nominated as a member of the Board of Incorporation instead of Mr. James Acton, resigned. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, also a former student, and Rev. R. V. Bingham, Secretary of the Sudan Interior Mission, were added to the General Council. These three friends, all living in Toronto, have kindly consented to give us their advice and co-operation in the management of the School.

Alumni Association.

Former graduates and students of the School to the number of nearly seventy met on the evening before Graduation Day to complete the organization of the Alumni Association. Representatives of every class but one since 1896 were present at the gathering. After a very pleasant supper and social reunion, the report of the Provisional Committee appointed last March, and also an excellent constitution prepared by them, were adopted. The following officers were elected: President, Rev C. E. Burrell, Hamilton. First Vice-President, Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, West Toronto. Second Vice-President, Mrs. Howard Brechin, Toronto. Secretary-Treasurer, Herbert L. Troyer, 504 Markham St., Toronto. Representatives of graduates of day classes, Miss N. E. Holding, Burtch; R. E. Jones, Toronto; of evening classes, Miss N. E. Elliott, Toronto; Howard Brechin, Toronto. Mr. Troyer, who has been very active in promoting the organization, will gladly furnish copies of the constitution and all further information that may be desired to former graduates and students of the School. We hope that all the alumni will become members of this Association, which has already suggested several practical plans for increasing the usefulness of the School. One of the matters to receive early consideration is the securing of a residence for the students.

Next Session.

The new Session of the Bible Training School, being the Seventeenth, will open (D.V.) on Tuesday, September 20th, 1910, at 10 a.m. It is desirable that all students, and particularly those who are entering the School for the first time, should be present at the beginning of the session. The new Catalogue will be ready for distribution about the first of July. All who desire information about any department of the institution are invited to correspond with the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Stewart, 110 College St., Toronto.

Notes.

REV. E. M. KING, of the B. M. E. Church, has been transferred from Toronto to Buxton, Ont.

MR. DUNCAN McDONALD is doing work this summer in Winnipeg and Mr. Fred Story in Cobalt.

MR. GEO. WATTS is doing colportage work for the Bible Society in the Barrie and Midland districts.

MISS EDITH TEW and MISS J. M. TYRRELL have been received by the Nursing-at-Home Mission in this city.

MISS JESSIE JACKSON has gone to Greenwich, Conn., to enter upon a course of training at the Greenwich Hospital.

MR. JAMES A. CLARK, who has completed a year of post-graduate study, is about to enter upon evangelistic work.

MESSRS. L. RIST and P. A. Breakey attended the recent meeting of the Alumni Association, accompanied by brides. They received many congratulations.

AN interesting letter has come from Mrs. E. C. Austin, telling of blessing attending the labors of her husband and herself in Arequipa, Peru.

MR. J. S. MUSSELMAN, who for the past two years has been doing good work in the city in connection with the Mennonite Mission, is spending the summer at his home in Pennsylvania.

MR. ARTHUR McCOLLUM, who gave the valedictory address at the closing exercises, will be engaged this summer in service for the Bible Society at Cochrane in Northern Ontario.

MR. S. IIJIMA, a Japanese student who was with us for two sessions, received a very hearty send-off when he left for Vancouver on his way home to Japan.

MESSRS. E. E. PRESTON, Jas. Jaffray and Harrison Roe have gone to Home Mission fields in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

MR. OSWALD SMITH, a former student of the Evening Classes, who has been doing good work for the Bible Society on the Pacific Coast, has recently entered Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

MR. JOSEPH MAGNAN, our French-Canadian student, and a convert from Roman Catholicism, has gone to work among his fellow countrymen in connection with the French Evangelization Board.

OUR Principal, Mr. McNicol, and our Instructor, Mr. Imrie, will spend about three months of their vacation in Great Britain. They expect to attend the great World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh this month. We wish them *bon voyage*.

TWO of our former graduates, Messrs. Garrett and Roadhouse, are now pastors of Baptist churches in Toronto, and two others, Messrs. Burrell and Salton, are settled in a similar capacity in Hamilton.

MR. and Mrs. W. J. Hanna, both graduates of the School, after several years of faithful pioneer work in Yunnan, one of the outlying provinces of China, are now in this city for a year's furlough. They both attended the meeting of the Alumni Association, and Mr. Hanna early in April gave an interesting address to the students on their field and work.

MR. W. A. HUNTER, a graduate of the Bible Training School, who has studied in Manitoba University and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, has just completed his course at the head of his class, winning the gold medal. He also received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, and was awarded a post-graduate travelling scholarship of $400.

Receipts for General Fund.

Donations received from Feb. 22, 1910, to April 29, 1910:

No. 157	$25 00	No. 184	100 00
" 158	2 00	" 185	5 00
" 159	25 00	" 186	2 00
" 160	5 00	" 187	5 00
" 161	20 00	" 188	5 00
" 162	500 00	" 189	15 00
" 163	3 00	" 190	5 00
" 164	50 00	" 191	2 00
" 165	1 00	" 192	2 00
" 166	1 00	" 193	25 00
" 167	25 00	" 194	10 00
" 168	6 00	" 195	10 00
" 169	10 00	" 196	5 00
" 170	10 00	" 197	2 00
" 171	10 00	" 198	5 00
" 172	10 00	" 199	2 00
" 173	10 00	" 200	5 00
" 174	4 00	" 201	2 00
" 175	10 00	" 202	25 00
" 176	10 00	" 203	5 00
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" 179	10 00	" 206	10 00
" 180	5 00	" 207	5 00
" 181	25 00	" 208	2 00
" 182	10 00	" 209	10 00
" 183	10 00	" 210	10 00
			$1,101 00
Previously acknowledged			$2 993 56
Total			$4,094 56

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